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2-ALKYL-4-ISOTHAZOLINE-3

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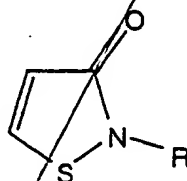
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2001 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 8, 12, and 16 to read as follows:

A 1 1. (Amended). A method of producing 2-alkyl-4-isothiazoline-3-one represented by the general formula (III),



wherein the compound represented by formula (I),

